

HOG WASH

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Hog Wash is an ongoing series. This is book fifteen which means, follow me now, there were fourteen before it. Currently, photos and stories are going into book thirty-five. So, there is a bunch and I probably won't be around long enough to publish all of them whatever all of them turns out to be. I've slowed down a bit on the stories due to time. I generate material for a book about every 50-90 days.

Full resolution photos used in this book can be found at davidseibold.us.

Disclaimer: Almost none of the stories in this book are true. Every once in awhile, I'll slip up and include something that is true, but, I would take everything with a grain of salt. As you read this book, keep in mind that I have made an attempt to include something for everyone. Some folks are always looking for errors. So, if you find any, please remember that they are there for a reason.

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Terrance the Tarantula made a daytime maneuver in preparation for his nightly food hunt. He likes to munch on crickets, grasshoppers, june beetles, cicadas and caterpillars. He tried a small frog once, but, found he was allergic to them. Anyway, it really doesn't matter now. Vehicle traffic was rather heavy this day and Terrance no longer needs to worry about eating.

Rancheria Road, Kern County, California 2002



If you have butterfly friendly plants in your yard, the butterflies will come. They may even stay awhile. The majority of butterflies in our yard were Gulf Fritillary, mainly because of the passion vine. But, every once in awhile, a Buckeye would come flapping through the yard. They seemed to like the golden coreopsis (golden tickseed).

Lonely Existence (p)



Blue's family had a history of being loners. The trait seemed to be passed from generation to generation. Turns out, Blue's family was just Dicks!

Photo rendered in Topaz Impression.

Rancheria Road, Kern County, California 2008

Seems Reasonable (p)



Woody the Cat: "What makes you think I've been chewing on carpet? Can't a cat just barf without accusations? Maybe it was a hair ball or that sparrow I dissected!"

Photo rendered in Topaz Glow excluding Woody and barf.

Best Laid Plans (p)



The neighborhood got together for a friendly game of touch football. It took about an hour to choose teams and set the ground rules. That's when someone mentioned they didn't have a football because no one could carry it. Depression set in and everything went to seed after that!

Photo rendered in Topaz Glow.

Bakersfield, California 2008



Today was a good day to stay in the air. Alimentary the Whale was in harbor and what ever he's been eating is making it's way out in abundance.

Circling



Seven of the nine ball players would rather soar around in their bird suits than play ball. That resulted in another forfeited game. The team owner and manager are really pissed! Management has to figure out places to play that don't have strong air uplifts or call it quits!

Morro Bay, California 2008

Munched A Bunch (p)

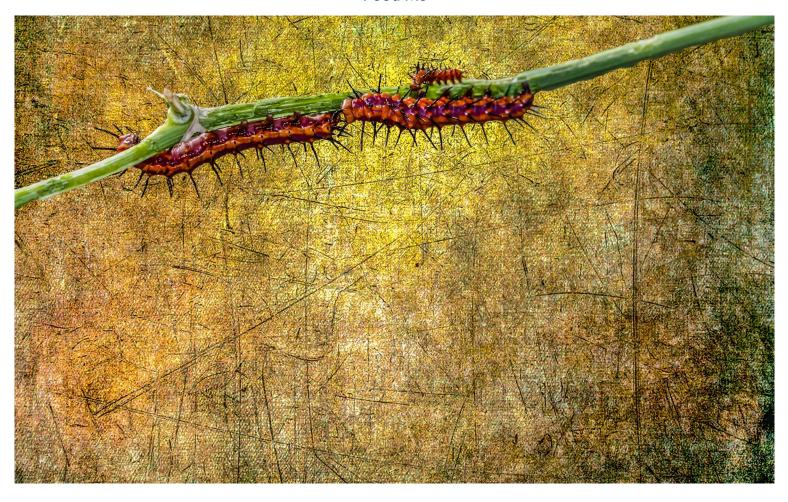


Gulf F. Fritillary has one thing that makes him extremely happy. Passion vine blooms. More than likely it is the result of scarfing down passion vine leaves as a young caterpillar.

Photo rendered in Topaz Glow.

Bakersfield, California 2008

Feed Me



Slinky: "Hey, what happened? Where are all the leaves?"

Wiggles: "I told you to slow down on the munching, Slinky! But, nooooo! You never listen to me! Here we are, going to starve!"

Runt: "Dudes, quit arguing! I see some green leafy stuff about 18 body lengths ahead.

Bakersfield, California 2008

Mocking Dove



Xavier was totally enjoying the evening sunset from his vantage point. His allergies weren't quite as bad at this elevation. Just an occasional sneeze. During his last sneeze, he felt a slight breeze and then kind of a whistling noise. That's when he realized the kid on the ground wasn't pointing a stick at him, but, a BB gun. That last sneeze saved Xavier who immediately flew off into the sunset bobbing and weaving like he had seen doves do.

Cycle



Lec really disliked this time of month. Aches, pains and glowing. The surface feather glowing was the worst part. Lec lit up everything around him. It was particularly annoying at night. The damn neighbor's cat keyed on him every time he landed somewhere. Lec didn't sleep much during this time of the month.



This is part of the mosquito abatement program. These folks are serious!

Lindsey, California 2011

At Ease



Daryl felt pretty safe in residential neighborhoods. Sure, he had to watch for cats and an occasional hawk, but, for the most part, he felt secure. What he didn't plan on was some bonehead 10-year-old with a bow.

Bakersfield, California 2011



Zachery couldn't believe his eyes. After a non productive day of deer hunting, he came upon the largest rack he had ever seen. Zachery thought this guy must be huge!

Tule River Reservation, Tulare County, California 2011

I Find You



Unlike her brother, Jack, Jacqueline the Ripper was methodical about her work. She was so thorough in her clean up, nobody even knew she was around. When someone went missing, everyone just figured it was another alien abduction.

Bena Road, Kern County, California 2016

Ingredients



Well, the brewery decided not to include peyote mushrooms in the batch after the brew master said he was pretty sure watching cartoons was a little different than feeling like you were in one. Not that he didn't like the experience, but, he didn't think the general public would take too kindly to it!

Temblor Brewing Company, Bakersfield, California 2016

Targets



They claim we kill a lot of pedestrians with vehicles every year. We are outdoors people. Hunters, racers, fishermen, sports people naturally inclined to compete. I blame the pedestrians. They make it too easy.

Bakersfield, California 2016

Not Just Another Morning



Right away, Joseph realized something was wrong. For one, Joseph was pretty sure he didn't have a clock tower in his bedroom and, two, he never gets up before noon!

Kern County Museum, Bakersfield, California 2016

Special



Bony Caulk decided it was time to do a little cleaning on his old longboard. Sure, the board needed a lot of attention to get it back into competition, but, it was Bony's first board, so, it had special meaning to him. He could see the headlines now, Boned Again!

Kern County Museum, Bakersfield, California 2016

Pursuing Health



It took a little work, but, Axel finally assembled his exercise bike. He quickly realized he needed an electric motor to get the mechanism moving before he could manually pedal. The only other drawback is that his wife is pretty upset at him for setting it up in the living room.

Two Can Play



Jacques had a great cover as a surveyor.

There was no reason to suspect any shenanigans with the equipment he had. The setup was perfect! Jacques spent many an enjoyable night as a long distance peeping tom. Things were great until one night, Jacques noticed something was watching him and it was in his cabin.

Kern County Museum, Bakersfield, California 2016

Strapped



Francois specializes in the application of chastity belts. I know, I know. When was the last time you heard that term? Most of Francois's business does not deal with the prevention of sexual intercourse or masturbation. Almost 99% of her clients are into BDSM. Role playing involving bondage, dominance, submission and sadomasochism. Despite arduous questioning, Francois would not divulge whether politicians or preachers comprise the largest share of her clientele.

Restricted (p)



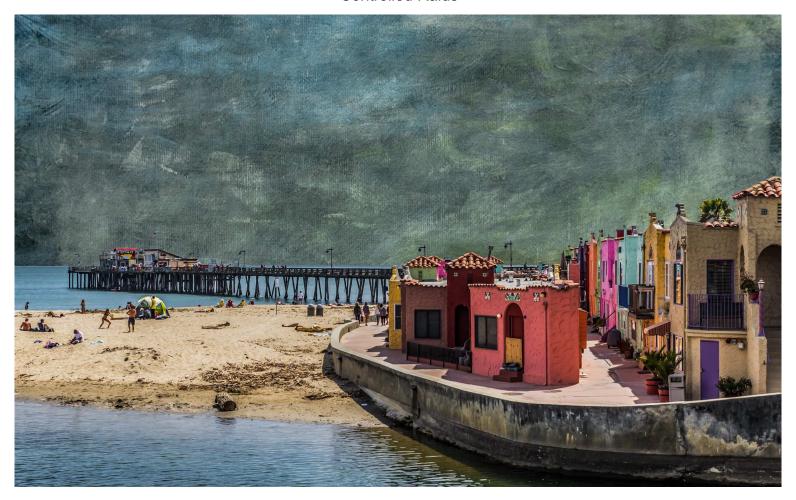
Spike the Chain didn't know any better. He was raised to maintain order. He wouldn't allow the flowers to have date nights. The flowers didn't fault Spike. They blamed the 1960s. That's when New Math was forced on Spike's children. It really messed with his mind. Even today, Spike's kids can't count change and Spike still fumes when New Math is mentioned.

Bakersfield, California 2016



Slick the Shark missed Sam the Surfer by about 4 inches. Slick didn't even get a taste of board. That's okay. Slick the Shark probably would have upchucked Sam anyway. Slick gets a little seasick in rough seas and today, the ocean was rolling.

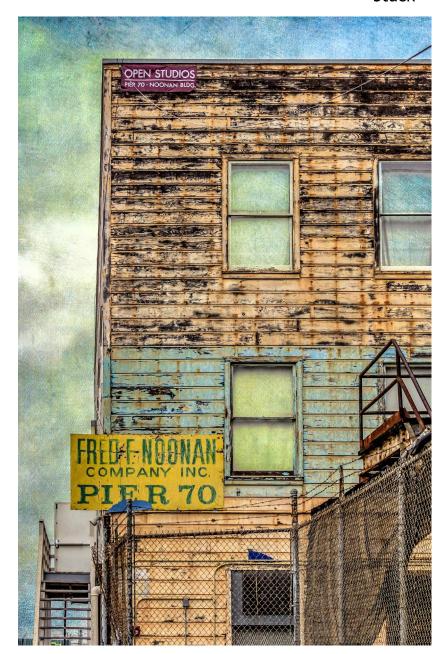
Controlled Raids



Homer called a strategy meeting for 2:30 PM and, miraculously, everyone showed up. There was some discussion about a full-on aerial attack, but, some of the older fellas thought it would be more effective if quadrants were assigned. The meeting was adjourned and everyone took to the air to execute the plan. Seagulls like to have fun too!

Capitola, California 2016

Stuck



Willy lives on the street. Most of the time he camps outside the Noonan Building because it's pretty quiet during the day. The artists and architects who occupy the building are friendly and occasionally give Willy their excess glue. Willy would rather huff than puff.

Noonan Building, San Francisco, California 2016

Chump Change



Baxter and Louie are really thankful they have a job. Granted, it's long hours, little pay and they get yelled at for taking potty breaks, but, it's a job.

San Francisco, California 2016

Family Activity



The whole family was out on a hike. This is something Mom and Dad like to do, but, the kids don't. Of course, the kids don't have a choice, so, they are always grumpy until they actually get going and start enjoying the surroundings. The teenagers are the most boisterous. They would rather be with their friends. Today, Mom and Dad surprised the kids with a new activity, geocaching. All the kids seem to like the idea of searching for something hidden and it kept the whining down to a minimum.

Dedication



Lukas the Mail Carrier only had one mailbox he really didn't like delivering to. That box was at the residence of Mortimer the Electric Eel. But, Lukas was dedicated and swam through his angst. Mortimer ordered a lot of stuff, so, Lukas was delivering packages a couple of times a week. Mortimer was a prankster and Lukas was his primary target. There's nothing like getting the crap shocked out you according to Mortimer!



Benny Frankenstein: "Oh, crap, oh, crap! I'm late again. Mary is going to pull my tail feathers over this one. If I miss Mother's Day brunch, I might as well hand her the keys to the nest. Shit, shit. This is gonna be bad. I told the guys I could only hunt for two hours! Maybe Mary will knock down a few Mimosas and be in a better mood. Maybe I can find a juicy squirrel on the way home."

Anticipation



As soon as Yoder saw the lights he knew he was going to get pulled over again. For some reason, law enforcement doesn't like wagons drawn by horses on the highway. Yoder figured he might skate by offering a piece of furniture he was hauling in lieu of paying a fine. Although, there was that time he was hauled in for trying to bribe a peace officer.

Familiar Story



This is the last place close friends, Canine and Mollusk, were seen together. Alive.

Rockport, Massachusetts 2014

Gloucester Fisherman Memorial



1879 was a bad year for Gloucester fishermen. 249 fishermen and 29 vessels were lost in one storm. The English sculptor, Leonard Craske, designed "Man at the Wheel" and it was cast by the Gorham Company of Providence, Rhode Island in 1925.

Gloucester, Massachusetts 2014

Home Is Where You Find It



Slim C. Rawlspace always wanted to live on the water. It took a long time until he found the perfect spot. It's roomy, not too wet unless it rains a lot and he has a view day or night. Mainly at night because he usually gets run off during the day if anyone sees him poke his head out from the crawlspace. The drawback is that he has to park his shopping cart in a different area because it won't fit in his space. The stores have reclaimed his cart ten times along with all his good stuff. The above story is hog wash. Slim has only had his cart stolen three times.

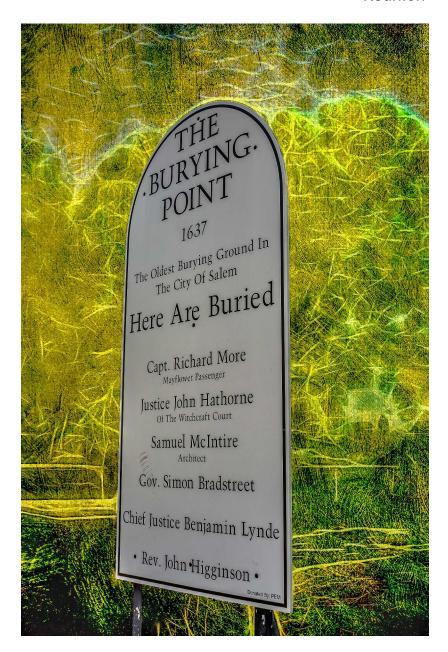
Lost The Magic



Everyone called him Mr. Blue Eyes until his voice gave out and he had to start panhandling to survive. You can find him most days outside Food 4 Less with his sign, Former Crooner. Occasionally, he'll go to an open mic night to see if he can capture the old magic. He can't!

Salem, Massachusetts 2014

Reunion



The last time Hathorne and Higginson got together all hell broke loose!
There was cursing, screaming, bonfires and people got killed.
Fortunately, that kind of activity doesn't exist in today's civilized world!
Okay, it doesn't happen on Mars as far as we know.

Salem, Massachusetts 2014

Patience



Fang the Clown never had much luck with kids parties. For some reason, he seemed to unintentionally scare the poor little buggers. He didn't really have the personality to deal with kids. But, being a clown was Fang's lifelong ambition, so, he tried all kinds of jobs.

Fang applied at McDonald's, but, the first time Ronald saw him, they tossed him out of the building! Then Taco Bell took a shot at McDonald's with an evil clown campaign, but, Fang was too freaky for the Bell.

Eventually, Fang found a job with the Halloween Art Museum. He got to wear his clown getup all day and all he had to do was stand in front of the establishment. Sometimes, you just need a little patience to get your dream job.

Salem, Massachusetts 2014



Wilbur really only had one choice. If he went in for jury duty, his outstanding warrants would land him in jail. Wilbur packed up his stuff and moved to Washington, D.C. where he wouldn't be as exposed. There were bigger fish to fry in Washington.

Bakersfield, California 2014

Appointment



So, if a tree falls in the forest and no one is around, does it block the road? Well, yes! Fortunately, this tree was so rotten, it was light and Mary could move it out of her way. I mean, damn, she had a bunco game to go to!

Photo processed in Lightroom, Photoshop and rendered in Topaz Glow

Sierra National Forest, Tulare County, California 2013

Out Of Harm's Way



Warren was holed up in the Tegeler Hotel. After all, they had reasonable rates. He was pretty sure no one recognized him what with the fake beard and all. Plus, the Spotlight Cafe delivered which meant he didn't have to leave his room except to occasionally get cash. Warren figured in another two weeks he could go home to his girlfriend. She was pretty upset after he shaved her head while she was passed out.



Tevis and Will used this alley to practice their bowling skills. They got pretty good at knocking down pedestrians!

Bakersfield, California 2013

Down The River



Benjamin got real excited when his Dad asked him if he wanted to take a trip down the Nile. The first thing he thought about was crocodiles. How neat would that be to see them in the wild. And hippopotamus! As Benjamin and his Dad were driving in the car, Benjamin realized they hadn't packed. He almost said something.

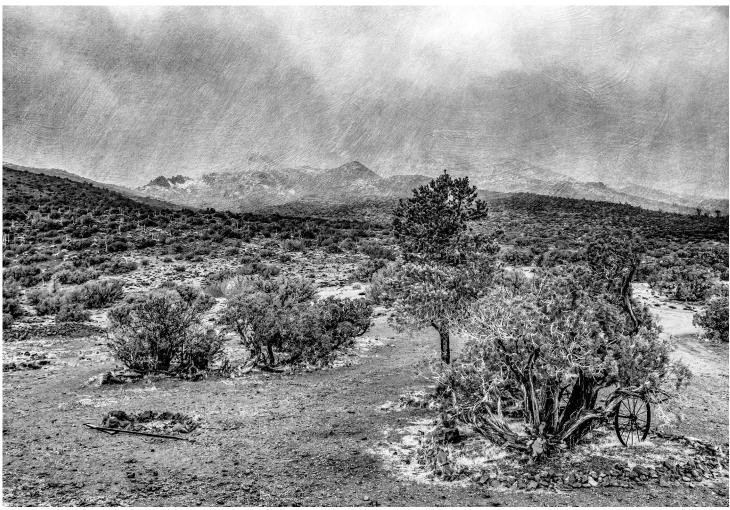
Blending In



Daidaku found the perfect place to build a minimalist home among the rocks and shrubs of the desert. Something that would blend in with the surroundings. Be one with nature. Daidaku was away for a few days and when he returned, his wife had added a roof and painted. Daidaku first noticed the changes about three miles down the road.

Kwan Um School of Zen, Sand Canyon, Kern County, California 2013

Not Necessarily Barren (B/W)



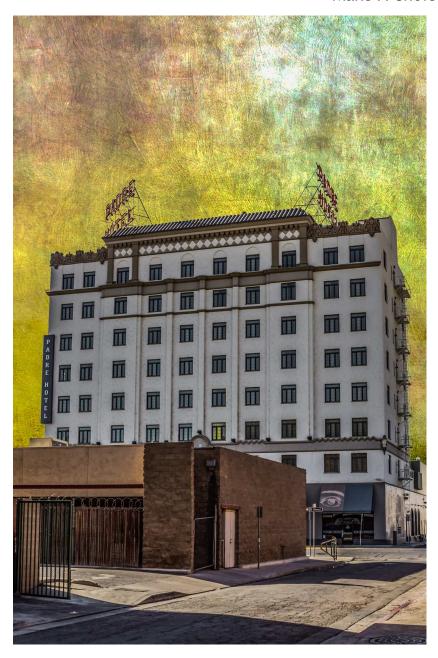
This is a super secret location known to only a handful of people. Well, okay, maybe three or four handfuls. The wheel will probably give it away to the handfuls that know this location. It's my understanding that many hours of laborious mental gymnastics have taken place here concerning lots of mundane things like what to take to Burning Man or what kind of ramen to order at Daikokuya in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, California.

Relieving Boredom



Victor the Windsock had one job. He was suppose to visually indicate which way the wind was blowing to warn employees of potential unsafe areas in case of natural gas releases. It was a really boring job for Victor who graduated summa cum laude from directional school. So, to liven things up, Victor would track employees as they walked around the facility. Always pointing at them no matter which way the wind was blowing. Then he would initiate an audible alarm and watch the employees try to get out of what they thought was the current wind path. There was a lot of confusion and that suited Victor just fine.

Make A Choice



Sam would have slept another hour except someone stepped on his hand! When Sam got both eyes opened, he wondered what it would be like to sleep in a real bed instead of on a piece of cardboard. He's tried numerous times to get arrested just to spend a night inside. Of course, Sam could go home to his bitchy wife and four squealing kids. Sam decided to look for another piece of cardboard.

Bakersfield, California 2013

Initiate



Regilio never initiated anything in his life. Then, he opened the Catalyst. Now he's a driving force in marriages, divorces, love triangles, alcohol addiction and gluttony. He's on top of the world!

The above story is hog wash. Regilio is a dreamer not a doer. He stands here for hours staring a the building wondering what it would be like to own a business.

Santa Cruz, California 2012



Psilo Cybin tried to grow organic mushrooms as a business. Unfortunately, he always knew by the end of the growing period, there would be no mushrooms because his friends would eat them when he wasn't looking. Psilo thought he must be psychic, so, he opened a new business.

The sign is real. Everything else is hog wash.

Arbitrary



2.5 billion years ago, this piece of land was at the bottom of the ocean. We know this because the fossil remains of a goblin shark were found by Peter Pelican at the top of the existing formation. Goblin shark teeth have also been found embedded in the sides of the opening which suggests that the notoriously persistent goblin shark at one time were trying to break through a barrier to reach chickens who were crossing the road. Goblin sharks love chicken. The above information is all hog wash. The only remains found were of Peter Pelican's bones and a few goblin shark teeth embedded in the bones.

Natural Bridges State Park, Santa Cruz, California 2012

Hatching A Plan (p)



Henrietta the Hawk: "Look, I'm telling you, it will be real easy. All you have to do screech a couple of times while dive bombing the photographers. That will distract them long enough for me to grab their cameras and tripods."

Howard the Hawk: "This better work because I'm giving up some tasty squirrel to do this."

AFTERMATH

Shari and I are really enjoying living in Washington State, USA. We have passed two and a half years of residence and love that there are actually four seasons. The summer months can get a little warmer than we would like and that nasty Sun sometimes pokes it's eye out for more days in a row than we would like, but, that's what air conditioning is for. Vegetation grows really fast in the Pacific Northwest, which, means I spend a lot of time outside whacking on things so we don't get overgrown. Naturally, the outside chores reduce the time I have to work on photos, but, at least for the moment, I can do the outside work. It's all good! By the way, we had the property surveyed. I'll have less stuff to whack now that I know for sure what is ours!

If you are so inclined, hi-res versions of the photos included in the book are available at davidseibold.us.

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